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UPGRADATION OF POWERLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the powerloom sector constitutes 70 percent of the total textile industry;

(b) whether the Sathyam Committee has recommended for upgradation of powerlooms of more than 140 cm. width to semi-automatic looms and scrapping and replacement of powerlooms less than 140 cm. with new semi-automatic looms; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) The powerloom sector contributes approximately 59% of total fabric production in the country.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Government have launched the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme w.e.f. 1.4.1999 for modernisation of textile industry including the powerloom segment. Under this scheme, replacement of an ordinary loom less than 140 cms. width by new semi-automatic loom of a minimum width of 165 cms, and in situ upgradation of an ordinary loom more than 140 cms. width is allowed. In this year, a programme for modernisation of 2.50 lakh plain looms into semi-automatic looms/automatic looms has also been announced.